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2. Since the official transfer on 31 Dec 52 of the Chinese Eastern Railway from Soviet to Chinese control, the Railroad Ministry of the Central People's Government has reorganized the railroad administration in Manchuria in the following manner:

- a. The Ch'ang Ch'un Railroad Administration has been renamed the Harbin Railroad Administration with its head office in the latter city and absorbing the Antung branch office.
- b. The special ministry office (known in Chinese as the T'ieh-tao-pu tung-pai pan-shih-oh'u) has been withdrawn.
- c. Four railroad management offices have been set up in Manchuria:
 - (1) Harbin Office
 - (2) Tsitsihar Office
 - (3) Kirin Office
 - (4) Chinchow Office

3. The Harbin Railroad Administration controls and supervises:

- a. More than 30 trunk lines
- b. More than 60 branch lines, totaling 10,819 km, excluding
- c. A number of non-commercial lines (run for military purposes).

4. The Soviet group in charge of the Ch'ang Ch'un Railway and the Railroad Administration has been headed up by:

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- a. Yerogov (Yeh Lo Kuo Fu)
- b. Vasiliyev (Hua Si Lieh Yeh Fu)
- c. Grunichev (Ke Lu ni Ch'ieh Fu)

and staffed with over one thousand other Soviets.

- 5. The Ch'ang Ch'un Railroad Administration also runs a training institute for railroad engineers and management personnel, with Soviets holding nearly all the teaching and administrative positions. Since its establishment the Institute has trained:
 - a. 39,138 graduates from the regular courses
 - b. 3,119 special advanced trainees from all railroads in China, including chiefs of railroad administrations, heads of departments, and station masters.

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